

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Leslee Graham, a sixth-grade teacher at Howell  
2 Middle School in Victoria, has been recognized with a Wal-Mart  
3 Teacher of the Year Award; and

4           WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Wal-Mart Foundation, the Teacher of  
5 the Year Awards honor exemplary teachers across the nation; each  
6 Wal-Mart store selects a local winner from a pool of teachers  
7 nominated by their students; more than 30,000 teachers have been  
8 recognized since the program began in the mid-1990s; and

9           WHEREAS, A native of Victoria, Leslee Graham graduated magna  
10 cum laude from Victoria High School in 1982 and received an  
11 associate of science degree with high honors from The Victoria  
12 College in 1986; she subsequently earned her bachelor's degree in  
13 mathematics with a minor in English from the University of  
14 Houston--Victoria in 1988; and

15           WHEREAS, This outstanding educator began her teaching career  
16 at Edna Junior High School in Edna, where she taught seventh- and  
17 eighth-grade math and eighth-grade English; and

18           WHEREAS, After 10 years in Edna, Ms. Graham accepted a post  
19 with the Victoria Independent School District where she has now  
20 worked for more than a decade; during that period, she has taught  
21 algebra at Victoria High School and the Stroman campus of Memorial  
22 High School, and for the past seven years she has practiced her  
23 craft at Howell Middle School, where she currently teaches  
24 sixth-grade English; and

1           WHEREAS, Leslee Graham has earned the lasting respect of her  
2 students and colleagues, and she is indeed deserving of  
3 commendation for her dedication, hard work, and commitment to  
4 excellence; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Leslee Graham for receiving a  
7 Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year Award and extend to her sincere best  
8 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Ms. Graham as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
11 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 497

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 497 was adopted by the House on  
February 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House